

Downtown Merced Station Fact Sheet

Station Description

- Existing Station Facilities: There is a historic Southern Pacific Company station in Merced at 15th Street between M and O Streets. The existing station consists of a one story station building, a side platform, and two UPRR tracks.
- Current City Plans: The Merced Vision 2015 General Plan notes the proposal of high speed rail service. Policy T-3.5 expresses the city's support for "enhanced railroad passenger service to Merced"

Proposed High Speed Rail Station Use

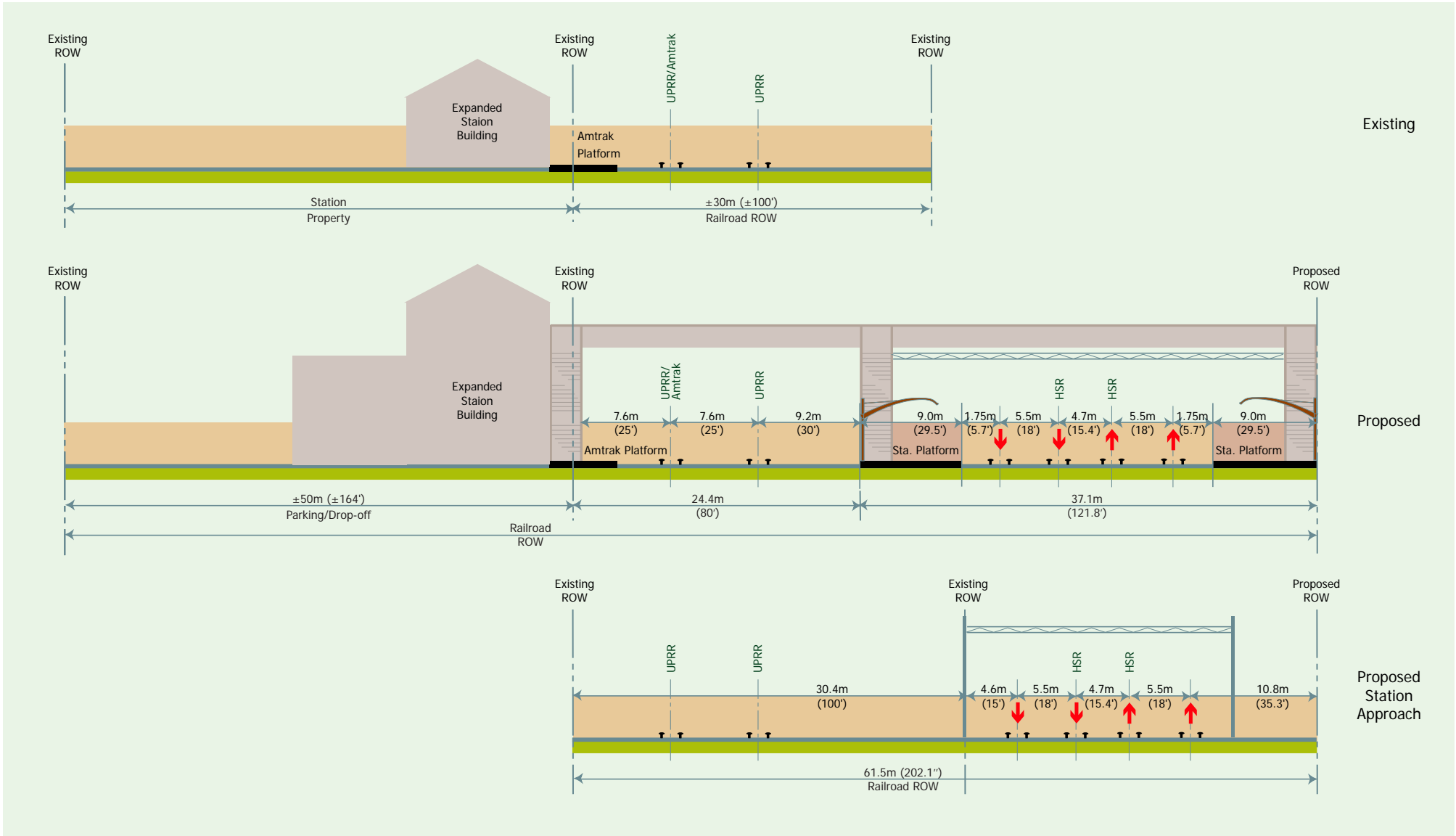
- Proposed Station Site: The proposed Downtown Merced station site is located on 16th Street between M and O Streets. The station area is currently occupied by a Southern Pacific Depot, and is used for non-rail purposes and a regional bus transportation center. The surrounding land use is mixed, with the station site zoned for Regional Community Commercial and land south of the station zoned for General Commercial. The parcels adjacent to the site on the north, east, and west are developed with commercial uses. Adjacent to the south is senior housing and a Boys and Girl's Club. Across 16th Street is the Merced multicultural Arts center. East of M Street, on either side of the railroad tracks, are vacant lots. Within the larger ¼ mile station area to the north of the proposed station site are mixed uses, with commercial, residential, office and governmental development. There are industrial uses southeast of the proposed site and residential to the southwest. SR 99 lies a block to the south. Because the highway is elevated on a berm through this area, it effectively divides the community, and, therefore, it is not anticipated that the proposed high speed rail station would affect land uses south of the highway.
- Station Layout: The proposed at-grade Downtown Merced high speed rail station would consist of an expanded two-story station building, 4 (+2) tracks, and 2 (+1) outside platforms. North of the existing side platform and two UPRR tracks would be 4 new high speed rail tracks served by outside platforms. The center two high speed rail tracks would be for express service. A pedestrian overpass would link the 3 platforms to the expanded rail station.
- Parking: The proposed station would include a total of 142 parking spaces surrounding the station building and in a surface lot located on the north side of 15th Street between Canal and M Streets. This site is currently a vacant lot.
- Access: Access to the station would be provided from 15th Street between M and O Streets.
- Intermodal Connections: The proposed station would be served by Merced County Transit buses operating on W. 15th Street.

Reference:

- *Merced Vision 2015 General Plan*- Adopted April, 1997
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4-Track At Grade
Merced Downtown Station